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(54) IMPROVEMENTS IN WIGS OR HAIRPIECES

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 public, a German Company, do hereby de-
 5 clare the invention, for which we pray that
 a patent may be granted to us, and the
 method by which it is to be performed, to
 be particularly described in and by the fol-
 lowing statement:—

10 This invention relates to wigs or hair-
 pieces, the term wig herein including a hair-
 piece with a parting.

Conventional wigs or hairpieces usually
 consist each of a cap-like foundation net
 15 to which are secured knots of hair, lying
 close together. With such wigs, if there is
 a parting in a wig on the head, the net
 foundation is visible even with very close
 hair knots.

20 The object of the present invention is to
 provide a wig which can exhibit a parting
 of a more natural appearance.

According to the invention, a wig or hair-
 piece has a slit extending inwardly from the
 25 edge to represent a parting. Through such
 a slit, the scalp or natural head surface of
 the head of the wearer shows as a natural
 parting.

Preferably the edge of the slit is rein-
 forced, to avoid gaping, and this can be
 30 effected by a U-shaped spring insert in the
 border of the slit and, if desired, extending
 round the corners of the mouth of the slit
 into the edge of the wig.

35 To aid a natural parting appearance, hair
 knots may be secured in a row close to-
 gether along the edges of the sides of the
 slit.

40 Naturally, the slit need not be straight but
 may be curved, in which case the two arms
 of the spring are curved or bent correspon-
 dingly. The wig will thus give the impres-
 sion of a curving parting if this is desired.

45 A wig in accordance with the invention
 is represented by way of example on the
 accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a view of the inside of a wig,
 part of the foundation net being omitted;

Fig. 2 shows, on an enlarged scale, the slit
 part of the wig of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is similar to Fig. 2 but with a spring
 insert along the slit edge, and

Fig. 4 shows the wig in place on a head.

As can be seen from Fig. 1, the wig com-
 55 prises a cap-like foundation net 1, made
 substantially spherical to correspond to the
 shape of the head, over the areas 2 of which
 are secured hair knots. A rubber band 3
 is applied to at least a part of the back edge
 60 of the wig, or this edge is otherwise made
 elastic, so that the wig can sit firmly on
 the head.

At any desired point in the front part of
 the wig the foundation net has a slit 4,
 which may be made curved or straight, so
 65 that when the wig is on the head the natural
 skin of the head is visible through the slit
 and thus the impression is produced of a
 parting drawn in natural hair. In order to
 prevent gaping of the slit 4 under the pull
 70 of the elastic 3, a reinforcement is provided
 along both sides 5 of the slit 4, on the
 inside of the wig, to oppose opening of
 the mouth 6 of the slit.

A particularly effective reinforcement of
 75 the slit 4 can be provided by stitching into
 the border 7 of the slit a spring insert 8,
 as shown in Fig. 3, consisting for example
 of a round or narrow leaf spring in a tubu-
 80 lar border or hem. The spring 8 is U-
 shaped so that its arms extend parallel to
 one another and close together, the two
 free ends preferably being bent round the
 85 corners of the mouth 6 of the slit in such a
 way that they extend a little into the edge
 of the wig.

In order to produce the impression of
 a parting in a natural head of hair, hair
 knots are secured in a row along the edges
 90 of the sides 5 of the slit 4 and lying very
 close to one another.

Fig. 4 shows how a wig, in accordance
 with the invention, when applied to a head
 exhibits the slit R extending from the front
 95 edge of the wig substantially into the centre
 part of the head, the wig thus being divided

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into two component surfaces P and C. The natural head surface is visible through the slit R, so that in this way the impression of a natural hair parting is produced.

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WHAT WE CLAIM IS:—

1. A wig or hairpiece having a slit extending inwardly from the edge to represent a parting.

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2. A wig according to claim 1, in which the edge of the slit is reinforced.

3. A wig according to claim 2, in which the edge of the slit is reinforced by a spring insert in the border of the slit.

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4. A wig according to claim 3, in which

the spring insert is U-shaped and its ends extend around the corners of the mouth of the slit.

5. A wig according to any of claims 1 to 4, in which hair knots are secured in a row close together along the edges of the sides of the slit. 20

6. A wig with a parting slit substantially as described with reference to and as shown by the accompanying drawings. 25

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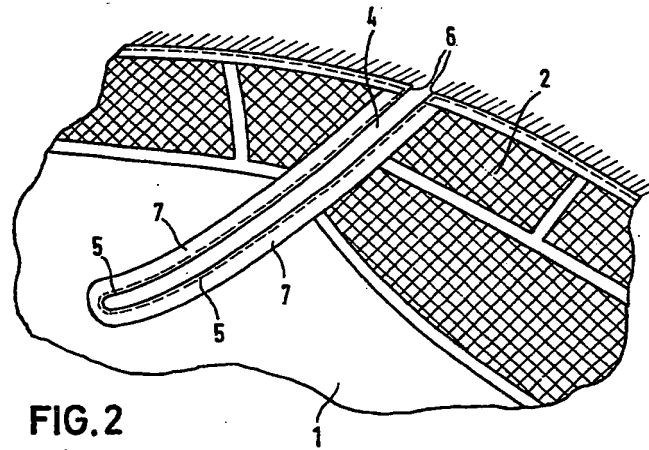
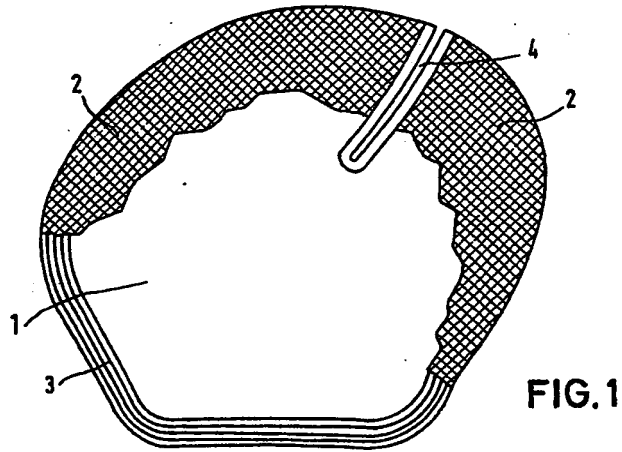


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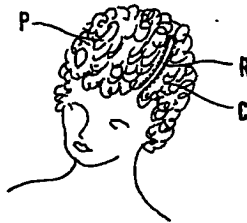
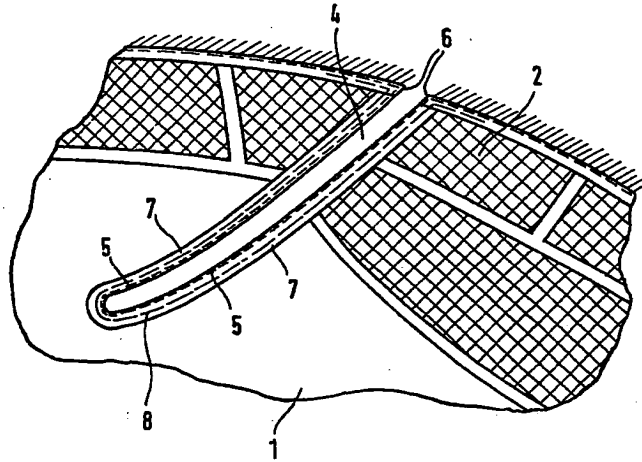


FIG.4